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***In the Specification:***

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 88, line 4 with the following:

The hydrophobic wavelength of a peptide containing L- amino acids is the same as a peptide containing D-amino acids in which the sequence is inverted. Such “retro-inverso” peptides have been previously described (Chorev, M. and Goodman, M. (1995) *Trends Biotechnol.* 13:438-445), but their use as mode-matched binding peptides has never before been contemplated. A retro-inverso peptide containing D-amino acids and having the sequence LHGKEIDTAETAKID was synthesized (SEQ ID NO: [[28]] 97). This sequence of this peptide is inverted from that of peptide of SEQ ID NO:27, used in the NGF receptor inhibition assay. The peptide of SEQ ID NO:27 significantly down-regulated the EAR response of transformed cell line containing the NGF receptor, at a significance level of  $p \leq 0.001$ . The peptide of SEQ ID NO: [[28]] 97 was tested in the same assay as the L-amino acid, forward sequence peptide of SEQ ID NO: 27. As shown in Fig. 7, this peptide also down-regulated the EAR response of PC-12 cells to NGF, to an extent comparable to that seen for the L-amino acid, forward sequence peptide of SEQ ID NO: 27.

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